

Shabbat Update June 26, 2021

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Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCT Membership,

This week we meet the talking donkey. The Torah is making a case against cruelty to animals in this week's Parashat Balak. Who is abusing the donkey? None other than Balaam, the well-known and powerful (non-Jewish) prophet sent by Balak to curse the Jews. The curse-turned-blessing we all know well: Mah tovu ohalecha Yakov mishkenotecha Yisrael (How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel). Balak, Balaam's employer, was not happy. God was also not happy this week—not with Balaam—but with the Jewish people



June Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim
Temple is open for
in-person
services.
Same safeguards
will be in place.*

*ZOOM services
will continue*

who misbehaved yet again. Many died at God's command. In biblical times, being good is harder than it looks.

Classes are on hiatus. I will be around for much of the summer and am always available by phone. High Holy Day preparations are underway. Please think about how you might like to participate in the upcoming High Holy Day services. We look forward to hearing from you.

Friday at 7:30 pm we have Shabbat evening services. Hope to see you there.

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

Balak

בַּלַּק

Balak

Numbers 22:2–25:9

SUMMARY

Thursday
June 24
Summer Break
from
Adult Hebrew

Friday
June 25
Erev Shabbat
Services
In person &
ZOOM

Friday
July 2
NO EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE

Saturday
July 3
10:00 am
Shabbat Service
In person &
ZOOM



**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

**June 26, 2021
16 Tamuz 5781**

Ena Gurenson
Freida Schindler
Kobre
Isaac Rubel
Robert Kaplan
Ned Pariser

Balak, the king of Moab, persuades the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites so that he can defeat them and drive them out of the region. However, Balaam blesses the Children of Israel instead and prophesies that Israel's enemies will be defeated. (22:2-24:25)

God punishes the Israelites with a plague for consorting with the Moabite women and their god. The plague is stayed after Pinchas kills an Israelite man and his Midianite woman. (25:1-9)

Anna Marie
Feldstein
Robert Friedland
Lorraine
Eisenberg
Albert C. Eskin
Ellen R. Kline
Robert Shapiro



Happy Birthday

June 7

Elizabeth A.
Weisman
Shana Andrews

June 9

Larry Brock

June 19

Jake Litman

June 22

Debbie Lang

June 25

Rick Dezen

June 27

Adam Lazarus

Happy Anniversary

June 8

Bobbi & Bruce
Dubins

share your birthday
and anniversaries
dates with our friends
and families...contact
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instructions -**

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send an email to
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and the ID and
Password will be
emailed back to you.
The ZOOM Id and
Password will be the
same each Friday
evening. Please
remember that Rebecca
is part time, leave
yourself enough time.*

Following along in

*prayerbooks for ZOOM
services:*

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Shabbat Services.*

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